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Applicants: Dennis C. Liotta, et al.

Serial No.: 08/488,097

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Art Unit: 1611

For: Antiviral Activity and Resolution of 2-Hydroxymethyl-5-(5-Fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-Oxathiolane

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Amendment and Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including July 6, 1998, is enclosed.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 35, and 36.

2. (Amended) β -2-Hydroxymethyl-5-(5-fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane, [or its phosphate], or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Amended) A derivative of [β -D-2-hydroxymethyl-5-(5-fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane] β -2-hydroxymethyl-5-(5-fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane of the formula: